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(AFRL)**

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This mission directive defines the mission of AFRL and implements Air Force Policy Directive 10-1, *Mission Directives*. It does not apply to the Air National Guard or the US Air Force Reserve.

1. Mission. Leads the discovery, development and integration of affordable warfighting technologies for our aerospace forces. Controls the Air Force Science and Technology budget plus additional monies from customers. Manages component Technology Directorates and the Air Force Office of Scientific Research in the execution of Science and Technology Programs. Determines the investment strategy for the full spectrum of Air Force science and technology activities. Conducts basic research to ensure continued technological superiority; develops and transitions new technologies for Air Force weapon systems and their supporting infrastructure; and ensures responsive technical support to time-urgent problems.

2. Command. AFRL, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, is a primary subordinate unit of Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC). The AFRL commander is designated the Science and Technology Mission Area Chief Operating Officer and reports to the Secretary of the Air Force, Acquisition (SAF/AQ) as the Air Force Technology Executive Officer.

3. Organization Structure. The organization structure of AFRL is in accordance with the Air Force Blueprint, AFI 38-101, **Air Force Organization**, and HQ AFMC/HQ USAF-approved variances to the structures. The approved Blueprint organization structure for AFRL is at <https://www.afmc-mil.wpafb.af.mil/organizations/HQ-AFMC/XP/XPM/xpmo/index.htm>.

3.1. Organization Changes. Requests to change the organizational structures of the AFRL must be made in accordance with AFI 38-101 and HQ AFMC/XP/XPM policy guidance. Requests that

require HQ AFMC/XP/XPM, and higher headquarters approval must be approved by the AFRL command section.

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